

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Unnerstall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 20, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken. Alderman Ebersohl stated that corrections requested by Alderman Hejna were not necessary as action was taken in the meeting and the motion reflects that. Mr. Hoeffken stated the changes requested by Alderman Hejna would not be included in the amended minutes.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 20, 2009, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Nay	Oberkfell	Nay
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Nay
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Nay	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 5 To 4

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 4, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 4, 2009, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 4, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 4, 2009, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

III. OLD BUSINESS - Report of Standing Committees

A. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee

Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest meeting held Monday, May 11, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

1. Sam's Club Membership Cards

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest Committee and renew six Sam's Club membership cards for the City of Columbia, Illinois with two each being assigned to the Police, Fire and EMS Departments and directing the Department Head of each department to designate the membership cards to the appropriate employees for City use only.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Oberkfell

Alderman Row stated he could not support the use of a Sam's Club card after the Council passed a resolution to support Monroe County First. Alderman Oberkfell stated Mr. Hudzik has talked to the department heads about buying locally before using the card. Alderman Niemietz stated the Committee meeting minutes include discussion that not all things the City purchases are available in Monroe County. The Council discussed the importance of purchasing items locally, whenever possible.

MOTION - Amended:

Alderman Hejna amended her motion and Alderman Oberkfell amended his second of the motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest Committee and renew six Sam's Club membership cards for the City of Columbia, Illinois with two each being assigned to the Police, Fire and EMS Departments and directing the Department Head of each department to designate the membership cards to the appropriate employees for City use only and to also require a letter be sent to the department heads describing the importance of purchasing supplies locally before considering purchases with the Sam's card.

Alderman Row stated just about anything the City buys can be purchased in Monroe County. Alderman Hejna stated she does not support the Sam's Club membership and most the items that would be purchased by the cards can be bought in Columbia. Alderman Unnerstall expressed the same opinion. Alderman Agne stated the City should shop Monroe County first, unless there is a major savings by shopping at Sam's. Alderman Niemietz stated there was a major flaw in the Committee meeting discussion because no one had talked to the department heads to identify what type of items are purchased with

the cards. Alderman Agne stated the decision should be left to the discretion of the department heads.

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Nay	Unnerstall	Nay	Oberkfell	Nay
Agne	Nay	Row	Nay	Stumpf	Nay
Niemietz	Nay	Hejna	Nay		

Motion Failed 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, May 11, 2009 as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. Personnel Committee

Minutes of the Personnel Committee and the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, April 27, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, April 27, 2009 as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, April 27, 2009 as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Minutes of the Personnel Committee and the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, May 11, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, May 11, 2009 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, May 11, 2009 as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

IV. ADJOURNMENT

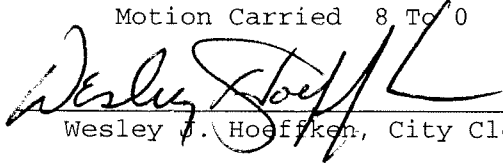
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn sine die the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:23 PM.


Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0



Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson